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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and the World Bank have signed $178.50 million credit agreement for Neeranchal National Watershed Project to support the Watershed Development component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the total estimated outlay of the said project ; and
(c) whether the project so signed would also support the watershed activities of the PMKSY in Gujarat and if so, the details of the intended beneficiaries thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b) : The Government has signed a technical assistance project with the World Bank, named 'Neeranchal' National Watershed Project to support various components of PMKSY in general and the Watershed Development component in particular with the objective to improve incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields in sustainable manner for farming communities. The total outlay of the project is Rs. 2142 crore ($357 million) out of which 50% amount shall be provided as long term loan by the World Bank. The Project shall be implemented from 2016-17 to 2021-22, in the Department of Land Resources and 9 states namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana.

(c): In the first phase Neeranchal is going to be implemented in 2 districts of Gujarat namely Kutch and undivided Surendra Nagar in a total area of 50,000 ha.. Subsequently, another 2,00,000 ha. shall be taken up under Neeranchal in these two districts. The project on completion is expected to positively impact all the PMKSY-WDC projects under implementation in the State. Further under the PMKSY-WDC 610 projects covering 31.04 lakh ha. have been sanctioned in Gujarat, out of which 52 projects covering an area of 279342 ha. and 27 projects covering an area of 134264 ha. in undivided Surendra Nagar have been sanctioned in Kutch and Surendra Nagar respectively
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